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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the third paragraph spanning between pages 8 and 9 as follows:

In one embodiment of the present invention, the composition comprises an active ingredient capable of repelling moles and a solid matrix on which the ingredient is adsorbed. Preferably, the active ingredient is castor oil. ~~In order for the castor oil or other active ingredient to be capable of repelling moles, the effective amount of castor oil or other active ingredients in the present composition should be equivalent to the castor oil of between 65% USP and 100% USP.~~ The castor oil can be a crude extract or refined oil from castor seeds. It does not matter how the oil is extracted from the seeds as long as the oil retains the mole repelling effect. The active ingredient can be hydroxy-, unsaturated C-18 fatty acid-ricinoleic acid, which is a major component of castor oil. Other derivatives of castor oil, particularly those that have a mole repelling effect can also be used as the active ingredient. Examples of the castor oil derivatives include hydrogenated castor oil, 12-hydroxy steric acid, undecylenic acid, or ricinoleic acid. It is also contemplated that the active ingredient may be any other natural or synthetic material that has a repelling effect on moles. The examples of the natural material are the extract from roots of castor oil or the extract from "mole plant" (or gopher purge *Euphorbia latthyris*).